

BULLETIN

Changes in the General Labs and Technology Classrooms for the next academic year. All upgrades are dependent upon budget.

2017-18 GENERAL LABS AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOMS INFORMATION AND UPDATES

"CLASS-SPECIFIC" SOFTWARE INSTALLATIONS/RENEWALS



If you need "class-specific" software installed in a General Lab or Technology Classroom, **you must submit a Software Request Form.** "Class-specific" software installed for current academic year will be removed at the end of the final summer session.

Our software renewal process is automated so anyone who requested an installation for the current academic year will receive a renewal notice. These notices are directly e-mailed to the person who is listed on the Installation Request form, and are sent in April. If you are a software request owner, please respond to the notice as soon as possible to confirm your software status for next semester.

Installation Request Deadline Dates:

- **April 21** - to have software installed for **May and summer** sessions
- **July 1** - to have software installed for the **beginning of the upcoming fall semester**
- **August 7** – software not renewed for the new academic year is **removed**
- **September 4** - to have software installed in the *final* fall semester image, to be installed by **Sept. 30** (for software not available for installation by July 1)



It is the sole responsibility of all requesters of class-specific software to research and test their software for compatibility and to communicate any special setup and configuration instructions to Lab Services. Whenever possible, obtain a trial version of the software to test in the labs or classrooms prior to procurement.

Lab Services can assist with temporary installation of software on one lab/classroom computer upon request.

Online forms and additional information regarding class-specific software can be found here:

<http://www.jmu.edu/computing/labs/forms/softwareinstall.shtml>

HARDWARE UPGRADES & LAB CHANGES

No new labs are planned. Pending funding, the following labs will receive new computers for the fall semester:

Ashby Assessment & Testing Center	Rose 1310 (24hr lab)
Carrier 119 ATL	Rose 1204 ATL
Chandler 134*	Showker 206-208
Harrison 111	Moody 203 (Mac)

*Chandler 134 is moving to Burruss 244 and gaining 10 seats to make it a 40 seat lab! This move is temporary until the new College of Business complex is completed.

88 Technology Classrooms will receive new computers.

New projectors will be installed in Harrison Hall, Godwin Hall, Phys/Chem, and the Forbes Center.

SOFTWARE CHANGES



All Windows computers in the labs and classrooms will be upgraded to Windows 10. We skipped Windows 8 because the interface was too much of a departure from the long standing PC interface paradigm. Most notably, the start menu was removed in Windows 8. Windows 10 returns the start menu and actually enhances it. The most significant change you will notice in Windows 10 is that the theme is darker (e.g. taskbar is black). We are also moving from the 32 bit version of Windows to 64 bit. This will allow computers to use the full 16GB of memory that is installed and may also improve the performance of some software. Unfortunately, there are few minor applications that will no longer be compatible with the 64bit version of Windows. We will contact the sponsor of those applications to discuss options as soon as possible.

All Mac computers will be upgraded to OSX 10.12 Sierra. We expect there to be no significant changes between El Capitan and Sierra.

